

Converting NH 48 into four lanes

222. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a request from the State Government of Karnataka to convert Mangalore-Hassan stretch of National Highway No. 48 into four lanes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government to this proposal;

(d) whether the Union Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways had a meeting with the Chief Minister and Karnataka Minister for Public Works and Power;

(e) if so, the demands of the Chief Minister of Karnataka; and

(f) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A request has been received from the Karnataka State for four laning of the remaining portion (about 138 km) of Mangalore-Hassan stretch of NH-48.

(c) Keeping in view the paucity of funds, the four laning of National Highways is generally being taken up on BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) Toll basis. Therefore, State Government has been advised to get the feasibility Study done for above stretch for ascertaining the viability of four laning under BOT (Toll).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The demands made by the Chief Minister of Karnataka are:

(i) Four laning of remaining portion of Mangalore-Hassan stretch of NH-48.

(ii) Strengthening of NH-17 including bridges.

(iii) Four laning of NH-206 passing through Arasikere Town.

(f) Action taken on the above demands is as follows:

- (i) State Public Works Department (PWD) has already been requested to call for the proposal for feasibility study for four laning of remaining portion of Mangalore-Hassan stretch of NH-48.
- (ii) Out of 300 km of NH-17 in Karnataka, 106 km is included for four laning under Port connectivity and National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IIIA. The remaining length is being maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources. As regards bridges, the detailed proposals are awaited from the State PWD.
- (iii) After the inspection of site, it was noted that some land encroachment was required to be removed, besides, utilities in the form of water supply pipe lines needed to be shifted for taking up four laning of this stretch. State PWD has already been requested to get these pre-construction activities completed before forwarding the proposal of four laning.

Central aid for Satellite Town

223. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought Central aid for building Satellite Town Ring Road, Intermediate Ring Road and radial roads leading to Bangalore city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total Central aid requested for by the State Government; and

(d) the action taken by the Central Government on the request of the State Government?